

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWABLE  
PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE  
STATUS REPORT FOR 2018 OF  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY SERVICES.

CASE NO. 19-851-EL-ACP

## FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on January 29, 2020

### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the 2018 renewable portfolio standard compliance status report of MidAmerican Energy Services.

### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} MidAmerican Energy Services (MES) is an electric services company as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(9) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4928.64(B)(2) establishes benchmarks for electric services companies to acquire a portion of their electricity supply for retail customers in Ohio from renewable energy resources. R.C. 4928.645 provides that an electric utility or electric services company may use renewable energy credits (RECs) and solar energy credits (SRECs) to meet its respective renewable energy and solar benchmarks. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-01(BB) defines a REC as the environmental attributes associated with one megawatt hour (MWH) of electricity generated by a renewable energy resource, except for electricity generated by facilities as described in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-04(E).

{¶ 4} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-40-05(A) requires each electric services company to annually file by April 15 a renewable portfolio standard compliance status report (RPS report), unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The RPS report must analyze all activities the company undertook in the previous year in order to demonstrate how pertinent alternative energy portfolio benchmarks have been met. Staff then conducts an annual compliance review of the company's filing and the records of the applicable attribute tracking system to ensure that RECs were sourced from generating facilities certified by the

Commission and were appropriately associated with electricity generated for the compliance period.

{¶ 5} On April 10, 2019, MES filed its 2018 RPS report. MES proposes a baseline of 2,000,732 MWH, which it asserted was an average of its actual Ohio retail electric sales for 2015, 2016, and 2017. MES further reported that it satisfied its 2018 compliance obligations.

{¶ 6} On May 21, 2019, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations for MES's RPS report. Staff reports that MES is an electric services company in the state of Ohio and, therefore, had an RPS obligation for 2018. Staff determined that MES accurately calculated its 2018 RPS compliance obligations. Staff reviewed MES's attribute tracking system account record to verify compliance and determined that MES satisfied its 2018 RPS compliance obligations.

{¶ 7} Upon review of MES's 2018 RPS report and the records of this proceeding, we adopt Staff's recommendations. We find that MES's 2018 proposed compliance baseline is reasonable, and that MES has met its compliance obligations for 2018.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That MES's 2018 RPS report be accepted as filed, as MES has met its RPS compliance obligations for 2018. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

*Approving:*

Sam Randazzo, Chairman

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